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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Special Provision in Travel Orders Numbered UV-518; -637; -664;
-665; -777; -778; -824; -833; -51

1. Each of the above travel orders provides for travel of an employee from home to Washington, D. C., for training prior to departure for overseas station and travel to first post of duty overseas. The orders provide "maximum per diem while in travel status authorized in accordance with Agency Regulations. No per diem authorized while in Washington on TDY status." (Underscoring supplied.)

2. It appears that the basis for the above quoted provision is an oral questioning by the Chief, SSS, of the practices regarding payment of per diem to pool employees. It also appears that the official stand of the Chief, SSS, is not fully understood by the originator of the travel order requests. A similar case [REDACTED] was discussed with the Chief, SSS, on 19 October at which time he determined that per diem should be paid and directed that the orders be amended.

3. The Chief, SSS, also directed the undersigned to prepare a new policy statement and procedure with respect to all per diem payments to new employees in training status in Washington, taking special note of "pool" employees. This action will be taken at an early date and, as planned, will be coordinated with the Chief, Audit Division, I&S Staff, EXO, OSO, and Chief, Staff III, OFC.

4. In order to avoid undue delay of the cases cited above, each order has been approved. However, the statement "no per diem authorized while in Washington on TDY status" is not fully accepted and is subject to review and further determination. Until it is determined that such statement is made by an official authorized to make that decision it is understood that amendments may be in order, dependent upon the facts surrounding each individual case.

5. A copy of this memorandum will be attached to each travel order cited above and to all subsequent orders similarly issued until a review and final determination is made or until the new policy and procedure is announced.

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